

Arsenal to Sell 82 Buildings

Use Restricted to Vets' Housing

Built as temporary type structures in the early 1940's, there are 82 buildings ranging in size from small guard towers to a 12-room farm house being offered for sale by the Joliet Arsenal to contractors.

According to Capt. J. M. McGough, post engineer, the bidders must be eligible to purchase under housing expediter priorities regulation number seven, which restricts the use of the materials or conversion of buildings for veteran's housing purposes only.

"These buildings were built as temporary structures," Capt. McGough said. "They have outlived their usefulness here and we are offering them for sale so they can be put to more useful service. This is the first of several groups of buildings which will be disposed of in such a manner," he added.

SEALED BIDS, in triplicate, will be received until 11 a. m. July 29, and then will be opened publicly at the office of the post engineer, at the Arsenal, for the purchase and removal of certain buildings and improvements. Some plumbing facilities will be available according to the list.

The structures are now subject to inspection by prospective purchasers between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. weekdays except Saturday. McGough pointed out that the failure of any bidder to make such inspection or to be fully informed as to condition of the structures and premises will not constitute grounds for any claim for adjustment or for the withdrawal of his bid.

The sale will be on an all-cash basis and bids must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check or U. S. post office money order, payable to the "Treasurer of the United States" in an amount not less than 20 per cent of the full amount of the bid submitted except when the total amount is less than \$50 and then the total amount bid shall be submitted.

The purchaser will assume responsibility and be liable for all damages to persons or property incurred in or resulting from removal of buildings, McGough added. Removal of the buildings or other items purchased, and clean up operations, shall be done on or before September 30.

INVITATION and bid forms may be obtained from the post engineer at the Arsenal, or from

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the Office of the Division Engineer, Great Lakes division, 1660 East Hyde Park boulevard, Chicago, 15, Ill.

Among the buildings offered are a frame shed sealed with celotex, a frame shed covered with sheet metal, and two frame sheds, all 12 by 14 feet; an 8 by 10 frame shed, and a 6 by 8 shed.

THIRTY BARRACKS 16 feet by 44 feet, frame on brick piers, with wood sheathing and wood floor are available, as is an administration building 40 feet by 120 feet, frame on brick piers, wood sheathing and wood floor. This is the reconverted farm house and has 12 rooms with wood partitions. There are also three 26 by 36 feet latrines, having frame on concrete floor with wood sheathing and a hot water tank.

Of frame construction on a platform seven feet above the ground and on steel posts, having wooden stairs and transite sheathing, 39 guard towers also are offered. The floodlights on top of each tower is not included in the sale, McGough said.